

Amendments to the Claims:

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1-112. (Canceled)

113. (Currently Amended) A mechanical fastener comprising:

a fibrous web having a first major side and a second major side;

a plurality of discrete polymeric regions fused to the fibrous web such that polymer of the plurality of discrete polymeric regions is entangled with the fibrous web, ~~wherein the plurality of discrete polymeric regions comprises a discrete patch having a perimeter that is entirely bordered by the first major side of the fibrous web, and wherein the plurality of discrete polymeric regions are located only on the first major side of the fibrous web, and further wherein the second major side of the fibrous web is at least partially exposed and comprises unexposed regions, and wherein the second major side of the fibrous web is free of the polymer making up the plurality of discrete polymeric regions;~~ and

a plurality of stems extending from each discrete polymeric region of the plurality of polymeric regions.

114. (Currently Amended) A web construction comprising:

a fibrous nonwoven web comprising a first major side, a second major side, and an indefinite length;

a plurality of discrete polymeric regions attached to the first major side of the fibrous nonwoven web, wherein the plurality of discrete polymeric regions comprises a discrete patch of polymer having a perimeter that is entirely surrounded by the first major side of the fibrous nonwoven web, ~~and wherein the second major side of the fibrous nonwoven web is at least partially exposed and comprises unexposed regions;~~ and

a plurality of stems extending from each discrete polymeric region of the plurality

of polymeric regions, wherein each stem of the plurality of stems comprises a free, unattached end.

115. (Currently Amended) A web construction comprising:

a fibrous nonwoven web comprising a first major side, a second major side, and an indefinite length;

a plurality of discrete polymeric regions attached to the first major side of the fibrous nonwoven web, wherein the plurality of discrete polymeric regions comprises ~~substantially circular discontinuous patches of polymer, and wherein the second major side of the fibrous nonwoven web is at least partially exposed and comprises unexposed regions;~~ and

a plurality of stems extending from each discrete polymeric region of the plurality of polymeric regions, wherein each stem of the plurality of stems comprises a free, unattached end.

116. (Previously Presented) A mechanical fastener according to claim 113, wherein the fibrous web comprises an elastic material.

117. (Previously Presented) A mechanical fastener according to claim 113, wherein the fibrous web comprises loop structures adapted to lock with the plurality of stems.

118. (Previously Presented) A mechanical fastener according to claim 113, wherein for each discrete polymeric region of the plurality of polymeric regions, one or more stems of the plurality of stems extend from an interior of the discrete polymeric region.

119. (Previously Presented) A mechanical fastener according to claim 113, wherein the fibrous web comprises a woven web.

120. (Previously Presented) A mechanical fastener according to claim 113, wherein the fibrous web comprises a knit web.

121. (Previously Presented) A mechanical fastener according to claim 113, wherein the fibrous web comprises a nonwoven web.

122. (Previously Presented) A mechanical fastener according to claim 113, wherein each stem of the plurality of stems comprises a hook or a mushroom head.

123. (Previously Presented) A mechanical fastener according to claim 113, wherein the fibrous web defines a localized plane, and wherein the plurality of stems are oriented at angles that are not normal to the localized plane.

124. (Previously Presented) A mechanical fastener according to claim 123, wherein the plurality of stems are angled in multiple directions relative to the localized plane.

125. (canceled)

126. (Previously Presented) A web construction according to claim 114, wherein the fibrous nonwoven web comprises an elastic material.

127. (Previously Presented) A web construction according to claim 114, wherein the fibrous nonwoven web comprises loop structures adapted to lock with the plurality of stems.

128. (Previously Presented) A web construction according to claim 114, wherein for each discrete polymeric region of the plurality of polymeric regions, one or more stems of the plurality of stems extend from an interior of the discrete polymeric region.

129. (Previously Presented) A web construction according to claim 114, wherein each stem of the plurality of stems comprises a hook or a mushroom head.

130. (Previously Presented) A web construction according to claim 114, wherein the fibrous nonwoven web defines a localized plane, and wherein the plurality of stems are oriented at angles that are not normal to the localized plane.

131. (Previously Presented) A web construction according to claim 130, wherein the plurality of stems are angled in multiple directions relative to the localized plane.

132. (canceled)

133. (Previously Presented) A web construction according to claim 115, wherein the fibrous nonwoven web comprises an elastic material.

134. (Previously Presented) A web construction according to claim 115, wherein the fibrous nonwoven web comprises loop structures adapted to lock with the plurality of stems.

135. (Previously Presented) A web construction according to claim 115, wherein for each discrete polymeric region of the plurality of polymeric regions, one or more stems of the plurality of stems extend from an interior of the discrete polymeric region.

136. (Previously Presented) A web construction according to claim 115, wherein each stem of the plurality of stems comprises a hook or a mushroom head.

137. (Previously Presented) A web construction according to claim 115, wherein the fibrous nonwoven web defines a localized plane, and wherein the plurality of stems are oriented at angles that are not normal to the localized plane.

138. (Previously Presented) A web construction according to claim 137, wherein the plurality of stems are angled in multiple directions relative to the localized plane.

139. (canceled)

140. (Previously Presented) A web construction comprising:

a fibrous nonwoven web comprising a first major side, a second major side, and an indefinite length;

a plurality of discrete polymeric regions attached to the first major side of the fibrous nonwoven web, wherein the plurality of discrete polymeric regions comprises a discrete patch of polymer having a perimeter that is entirely surrounded by the first major side of the fibrous nonwoven web, wherein the second major side of the fibrous nonwoven web is at least partially exposed, and wherein any of the polymer forming the discrete patch that may be present on the second major side is provided by the polymer extending from the first major side through the fibrous nonwoven web to the second major side; and

a plurality of stems extending from each discrete polymeric region of the plurality of polymeric regions, wherein each stem of the plurality of stems comprises a free, unattached end.

141. (Previously Presented) A web construction according to claim 140, wherein the fibrous nonwoven web comprises an elastic material.

142. (Previously Presented) A web construction according to claim 140, wherein the fibrous nonwoven web comprises loop structures adapted to lock with the plurality of stems.

143. (Previously Presented) A web construction according to claim 140, wherein for each discrete polymeric region of the plurality of polymeric regions, one or more stems of the plurality of stems extend from an interior of the discrete polymeric region.

144. (Previously Presented) A web construction according to claim 140, wherein each stem of the plurality of stems comprises a mushroom head.

145. (Previously Presented) A web construction according to claim 140, wherein each stem of the plurality of stems comprises a hook.

146. (Previously Presented) A web construction according to claim 140, wherein the fibrous nonwoven web defines a localized plane, and wherein the plurality of stems are oriented at angles that are not normal to the localized plane.

147. (Previously Presented) A web construction according to claim 146, wherein the plurality of stems are angled in multiple directions relative to the localized plane.

148. (Previously Presented) A web construction according to claim 140, wherein the discrete patch of polymer is substantially circular.

149. (Currently Amended) A web construction comprising:

a continuous thermoplastic film comprising a first major side, a second major side, and an indefinite length, wherein the continuous thermoplastic film is not composed of a multitude of fibers;

a plurality of discrete polymeric regions fused to the first major side of the continuous thermoplastic film; and

a plurality of stems extending from each discrete polymeric region of the plurality of polymeric regions, wherein each stem of the plurality of stems comprises a free, unattached end.

150. (Previously Presented) A web construction according to claim 149, wherein for each discrete polymeric region of the plurality of polymeric regions, one or more stems of the plurality of stems extend from an interior of the discrete polymeric region.

151. (Previously Presented) A web construction according to claim 149, wherein each stem of the plurality of stems comprises a mushroom head.

152. (Previously Presented) A web construction according to claim 149, wherein each stem of the plurality of stems comprises a hook.

153. (Previously Presented) A web construction according to claim 149, wherein the continuous thermoplastic film is microporous.

154. (Previously Presented) A web construction according to claim 149, wherein the plurality of discrete polymeric regions comprises a discrete patch of polymer having a perimeter that is entirely bordered by the first major side of the continuous thermoplastic film.